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The humble DESIRES OF THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS, FOR THE KINGDOME OF SCOTLAND.

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To the Kings most Excellent Majestie, in the behalfe of the three Kingdomes: that he would bee pleased to return to His great Counsellors, the Lords and Commons in Parliament, that so the present distractions and distempers of this State may be removed.

With a Message of thanks delivered to the Lords Commissioners for *Scotland*, by Mr. *Pym*, from the House of Commons, in the name of themselves and the whole Commons of *England*, for this their advice and Counsell.

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To the KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTIE.

The humble desires of the Commissioners of your Majesties Kingdome of *Scotland*.

WEe your Majesties humble and faithfull Subjects, considering that the mutuall relation betwixt your Majesties Kingdoms of *Scotland* and *England*, is such, that they must either stand or fall together; and the disturbance of the one must needs disquiet and distemper the peace of the other, as hath been often acknowledged by them both; and especially in the late Treaty, which is ratified in Parliament, and confirmed by the publike Faith of the Estates of your Majesties ancient and native Kingdome of *Scotland*; so that they are bound to maintaine the peace and liberties of one another, being highly concerned therein, as the assured means of the safety and preservation of their owne: and finding our selves warranted and obliged, by all means to labour to keep a right understanding betwixt your Majesty and your People: To confirm that Brotherly affection begun betwixt the two Nations: To advance their unity, by all such waies as may tend to the glory of God, and peace of the Church and State of both Kingdomes; and likewise to proffer our Service for the removing all jealousies and mistakings, which may arise betwixt your Majesty and this Kingdome, and our best endevours for the better establishment of the affaires and quiet of the same; that both your Majesties Kingdoms of *Scotland* and *England* may be united in the enjoying of their liberties in peace, under your Majesties Scepter, which is the most assured foundation of your Majesties honour and greatnesse, and of the security of your royall Person, Crown, and Dignity. We have taken the boldnesse to shew

to your Majesty, that we are heartily sorry and grieved to behold these distractions, which encrease daily betwixt your Majesty and your people; and which wee conceive are entertained by the wicked plots and practises of Papists, Prelates, and their adherents, whose aime in all these troubles hath been, not onely to prevent all further Reformation, but also to subvert the purity and truth of Religion within all your Majesties Kingdomes: For which end their constant endevours have been to stirre up divisions betwixt your Majesty and your People, by their questioning the authority of Parliaments, and the lawfull liberties of the Subjects, and really weakning your Majesties power and authority Royall, upon pretence of extending the same; whereof by Gods providence being disappointed in your Majesties Kingdome of Scotland, they have now converted their mischievous Counsels, Conspiracies, and Attempts, to produce these distempers in your Majesties Kingdomes of England and Ireland: And therefore, according to our duty to your Majesty, to testifie our brotherly affection to this Kingdom, and acquit our selves of the trust imposed upon us, we do make offer of our humble endevours for composing of these differences; and to that purpose do beseech your Maiesty in these extremities to have recourse to the sound and faithfull advice of the Honourable Houses of Parliament, and to repose thereupon, as the onely assured and happy meanes to establish the Prosperity and quiet of this Kingdome; and in the depth of your Royall wisedome to consider and prevent these apprehensions of feare, which may possesse the hearts of your Majesties subjects in your other Kingdomes, if they shall conceive the authority of Parliaments, and the Right and Liberties of the Subject to be here called in question. And we are confident if your Majesty shall be graciously pleased to take in good part, and give eare to these our faithfull and humble desires, that the successe of your Majesties affaires (howsoever now perplexed) shall be happy to your Majesty, and joyfull to all your People: over whom that your Majesty may long and prosperously reigne, is the constant and fervent Prayer of us your Majesties faithfull Subjects and Servants.

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A MESSAGE OF THANKS DELIVERED To the Lords COMMISSIONERS for SCOTLAND, by Mr. PYM.

My LORDS,

WEe are commanded by the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of the House of *Commons*, now assembled in this present Parliament, in the name of themselves and the whole Commons of *England*, to present to you their hearty and affectionate thanks for your wise Counsells and faithfull advice given to his sacred Majesty, for the appeasing and removing of the present distractions and distempers of this State.

My Lords,

The House of *Commons* are very sensible, and doe

tenderly and affectionately consider, that this your dutifull and faithfull advice is a large Testimony of your fidelity to the King, affection to this State, and of Wisedome, for honour, security, and peace of his Majesty, and both Kingdoms; and not only very acceptable to this House, but likewise of great advantage to both Nations.

They cleerely perceive, you rightly understand the causes of our distempers, and your carefull Endeavours to comply with them in the quieting and removing of the same: That the Brotherly Communion lately Confirmed by both Parliaments of *England* and *Scotland*, binde them both to maintaine the Peace and Liberties of one another, being highly concerned equally therein, as the assured meanes of the safety and preservation of both, and being so united, the disturbance of the one must needs disquiet and distemper the peace of the other, as hath been often acknowledged by them both. They are likewise sensible, that those Wayes which you in your Wisedomes have advised his Majesty to take, are the only meanes to settle peace and unity in this Kingdome, which are:

First, to endeavour to procure a right understanding betweene his Majesty and his People, by which his Majesty may truly understand the reall causes of these disturbances, and who are the Authors thereof, who are his faithfull and loyall Subjects, who are his faithfull and dutifull Counsellors, and who not: by this meanes shall the Brotherly affection begun betwixt the two Nations be confirmed, by all such meanes as may tend to the glory of GOD, and peace of the CHURCH, and State of both Kingdoms, will their unity be advanced,

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and all mistakes and Jealousies which may arise betwixt his Majestie and this Kingdome bee removed, and the establishment of the affaires and quiet of the same, setled in such a manner as may bee the Perpetuall Peace and Tranquillity of the same: the liberties and Priviledges of His Majesties Subjects freely enjoyed under His Royall Scepter, which is the most Assured Foundation of His Majesties Honour and Greatnesse, of the security of His Royall Person, Crowne and Dignitie.

Secondly, the Removall and prevention of all such Plots and practises which they conceive are entertained by the Papists, Prelates, and their Adherents, whose ayme in all these troubles hath been not only to prevent all further Reformation, but also to Subvert the puritie and Truth of Religion within all His Majesties Kingdomes: for which end their constant Indeavours have beene to stirre up Division betwixt His Majestie and His People, by their Questioning the authority of *Parliaments*, and the lawfull Liberties of the Subjects, and really weakening His Majesties of power and authoritie Royall, upon pretence of defending the same, which Mischievous Counsells, Conspiracies and Attempts, hath produced these Distempers in His Majesties Kingdoms of *England* and *Ireland*.

Thirdly, that His Majestie would be pleased to have recourse onely to the sound and Faithfull advise of his Parliament, and to depend thereupon as the Assured and happy meanes to establish the Prosperity and quiet of this Kingdome, and in his Royall Wisedome to consider and Prevent these Apprehensions of Feare which may possesse the Hearts of His Majesties Subjects in his Majesties other Kingdomes, if they shall conceive

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the Authority of Parliaments, and the Rights and Liberties of the Subjects to be here called in question.

My Lords, These your Faithfull and Loyall propositions is the greatest demonstration of your affections Faithfully United and devoted to the security of His Majestie, and your hearty wishes and desires of the Peace and prosperitie, aswell of His Majesties Kingdome of *England*, as *Scotland* and *Ireland*: these Propositions have beene the only endeavours and Intentions of his Majesties High Court of Parliament, to effect and make manifest to all men; And in any other meanes whatsoever that shall by you bee conceived necessary to the composing and setling of these present distractions, they declare themselves desirous to have the same communicated unto them, and they shall bee right joyfull and thankfull therefore, and will willingly and cheerefully joyne with you in the same.

Die Martis 3 Maii 1642.

ORdered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament Assembled; That the Persons intrusted which the ordering of the Militia *of the City of* London, *shall have power to draw the Trained Bands of the City into such usuall and convenient places within three miles of the said City, as to them from time to time shall seeme fit, for the training and exercising of the Souldiers, and that the said Souldiers upon Summons shall from time to time appeare and not depart from their Colours without the consent of their Officers, as they will answer their contempt to the Parliament.*

Ioh. Browne Cler. Parliam.

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